



Memphis and Shelby County Office of Sustainability

January 2015 Sustainability Events

The Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability would like you to be aware of these upcoming events. Be sure to follow us on facebook and view the website calendar (www.sustainablesbelby.com/calendar) for additional items throughout the month:



Greenprint - The Office of Sustainability, Greater Memphis Chamber, and the Greenprint Consortium will join together to celebrate the completion and final release of the Greenprint Plan. The event is planned for early February. More details forthcoming.

Christmas Tree Recycling – (Dec 23-Jan 10) Take your Christmas tree, wreaths, garlands & greenery to the Christmas tree recycling center located in the south parking lot of the Shelby County Showplace Arena (105 Germantown Rd). Last year 40+ tons of Christmas greenery were collected and turned into mulch. Mulch will be available to the public in the spring.



Memphis City Beautiful Community Grant Applications – (Dec 1 - Jan 31). Small grants are available to support community initiatives that relate to litter prevention, waste reduction/recycling and beautification. See application here: <http://bit.ly/1yYEaQW>

New Years' Day Nature Hikes - (Jan 1). Join rangers at 9:30am at T.O. Fuller State Park for a 4.5 mile moderate hike <http://bit.ly/1zMT7py> and at 1pm at Meeman-Shelby Forest for a 2 mile hike <http://bit.ly/1D2Kt4O>. Both will feature information on birds of prey.

GrowMemphis Community Garden funding - (Jan 2). Start up funding and training to those interested in community gardening. Applications due Jan 2. <http://bit.ly/1HW7GGI>



More Christmas Tree Recycling - The Yard on 1735 Thomas Rd, near Covington Pike, will be accepting trees. If you mention "Memphis Botanic Garden" they will donate \$2 per tree. <http://bit.ly/1A4RZv7>

Shelby Farms Whistle While You Work - (Jan 3, 9-noon). Help keep Shelby Farms Park clean, green and safe through gardening, horticulture and various outdoor projects. <http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org/volunteer>



\$2,000 funding for community gardens available - (Jan 15, 10-3pm). Apply for a grant to start or expand a community garden and attend this free mandatory garden workshop at the Agricenter: <http://bit.ly/1xsQkhM>

Shelby Farms PARC Volunteer Orientation - (Jan 17 & March 21). The volunteer PARC serves as a visible presence in Shelby Farms Park and along park trails to enhance the experience of the Park. These dedicated volunteers walk or ride the trails, answering questions and contacting Park Rangers when necessary. For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/1GvuL4e>

Memphis Green Drinks - (Jan 20, 6:30). Join this social organization of environmental-minded folks to network and hear from David Lewis from the Memphis chapter of the US Green Building Council (the

organization behind the LEED certification program) www.greendrinks.org/tn/Memphis.

Shelby Farms Tree Planting Days - (every Sat. Jan - March). Did you know that Shelby Farms Park Conservancy plans to plant one million trees to enhance wildlife corridors within the Park? They will provide the trees and tools. Please wear closed toe shoes and bring a bottle of water. <http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org/volunteer>

T.O. Fuller State Park Survey. TN State Parks is interested in finding out what park visitors think about T.O. Fuller State Park's current condition for consideration of future upgrades. <http://svy.mk/1wleaan>

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